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CONGRESSMAN AND GRANDSON BURN TO DEATH

David A. Dearmond, One Best Known Members Congress, Perishes in Fire.

NO CHANCE TO SAVE VICTIMS

Home of Congressman at Butler, Mo., Catches Fire at Early Hour This Morning and is Quickly Consumed, the Congressman and Grandson Being Cut Off From Escape.

Kansas City, Nov. 23.—Representative David A. Dearmond, one of the oldest democratic members of congress, and grandson, Waddie, aged 6, were burned to death in a fire that destroyed the Dearmond home at Butler, Mo., early today. Bones believed to be those of the congressman were found by searchers this morning.

Other occupants of the house at the time of the fire and who escaped were Mrs. Dearmond, James A. Dearmond, son of the congressman, and daughter. The fire started at 2 o'clock this morning. Mrs. Dearmond, wife of the congressman, after recovering from the shock of the fire, said the first she knew of the fire was when she heard her grandson, Waddie, call out the house was on fire. Mrs. Dearmond occupied a room on the first floor while the congressman and grandson were in rooms on the second floor. Mrs. Dearmond was barely able to escape with her own life and had not a moment to attempt to rescue the others. When she reached the yard the building was wrapped in flames. Fifteen minutes later it was in ashes.

No Chance to Save Victims.

Mrs. Dearmond said she neither saw nor heard any cry from her husband and nothing is known of his experiences. Mrs. Hattie Clark, a married daughter of the congressman, and Mrs. Dearmond and maid servant all slept on the first floor and escaped. Mrs. Clark was slightly burned.

The home of the congressman was across the street from that of his son, James. The latter started to rush into the burning home of his father in an attempt to save the latter but was restrained by other members of the family and neighbors. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Last Words of Congressman.

Mrs. Clark says she was awakened by a cry and going to the door of her room saw smoke issuing from the part of the house where the congressman and Waddie slept. "Get me out of here," she heard Waddie cry. "Never mind, son, I'll save you," the congressman answered. These were the last words either of the victims uttered.

A moment later the smoke increased in volume and Mrs. Clark fled to the telephone. Within a minute's time she had given the alarm to the telephone office and hurried back to the room of her mother and succeeded in getting her out of the house. No cry came from the burning ruins and it was evident that Dearmond and Waddie had by that time been overcome by smoke or were then dead.

NEW POST CARDS NIFTY.

Different Stamp Designs Are Approved For Three Varieties.

Washington, Nov. 23.—Designs for the new postal cards to be issued by the government have been approved by Postmaster General Hitchcock. The cards will be furnished to the postoffice department by the government printing office, in accordance with a contract effective Jan. 1, 1910.

On the ordinary card, the head of former President McKinley will appear, as now, but a much better portrait has been selected. On the new small card, intended for index purposes and social correspondence, a likeness of President Lincoln will appear. The two-cent international card will bear a portrait of Gen. Grant.

A novel and pleasing innovation has been made for the double or reply postal card. On the first half will be a portrait of George Washington, while the stamp on the reply half will be a likeness of Martha Washington.

On all the cards the words "Postal Card" will appear on the borders of the stamp and not, as now, as a separate inscription.

BILLION AND HALF DIVIDENDS.

Enormous Revenue Distribution From Stocks and Bonds in 1909.

New York, Nov. 23.—Estimates of the total dividend and interest disbursements to holders of stocks and bonds of various railroad, industrial and miscellaneous securities and of bond issues of the municipalities of the United States for the year ended Dec. 31, can be placed at nearly \$1,500,000,000.

Although in the interval occurring between the years 1909 and 1907 the nation was undergoing a period of financial stress, total disbursements for the present year exceed those of two years previous by about \$193,000,000.

This is in great measure due to large interest charges, this item alone showing an augmentation of more than \$113,000,000.

CENTRAL FIGURES IN SUGAR TRUST PROBE.



At the left above is ex-Attorney General Bonaparte. At the right is William Loeb and at the left below is James Reynolds.

New York, Nov. 23.—The probing of the sugar trust frauds caused a great consternation in official and sugar trust circles. It became known today that agents from "Uncle Joe" Cannon, speaker of the house of representatives, for several weeks past had been quietly gathering data bearing on the advisability of having a congressional investigation of the sugar trust fraud, and its political ramifications as affecting officials of the government and representatives of the American Sugar Refining company.

This investigation in its ramifications may bring into it ex-President Roosevelt, Secretary Gage, Attorney General Bonaparte and Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Reynolds. Colonel Fowler, deposed from the collectorship of the port of New York

to make a place for William Loeb, Jr., Mr. Roosevelt's secretary and Deputy Surveyor Parr, who is said to be an unsuccessful claimant for services in tracing the trust for part of the \$2,000,000 which the trust was forced to disgorge, are the chief accusers.

The proposal for a congressional investigation will be opposed by at least some of the officials in charge of the present investigation. It was openly said today by a government official that such an inquiry would defeat its own end in that many of the guilty importers would be able to obtain immunity by testifying for the prosecution. In fact it is suggested that the importers themselves are working for an investigation by congress, hoping to thus save themselves.

A dispatch from Washington states that at the first cabinet meeting since the adjournment of the special session of congress early last summer the "sugar trust" situation in New York was under discussion.

MAJOR BOYNTON IS ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

Patriarch Leader of the Maccabees, Who Has Been Near Death's Door for Some Time, is Now Slowly Getting Better—Is Receiving Congratulations From Many Points.

Port Huron, Mich., Nov. 23.—Congratulatory letters and telegrams from all sections of the country are pouring in for Maj. N. S. Boynton, patriarch leader of the Maccabees, who had been near death's door for several weeks but is now on the slow road to recovery.

Major Boynton was born in Port Huron June 23, 1857 and was educated here and in Waukegon, Ill. Before the civil war he was engaged in mercantile business in Port Huron, Cincinnati and other cities. At the outbreak of the war he enlisted as private and advanced by his bravery to the rank of major in the 8th Michigan cavalry. He particularly distinguished himself by cutting off the retreat and finally capturing Gen. Morgan, the famous guerrilla chief. After the war Major Boynton returned to Port Huron and served one term in the Michigan legislature and several terms as mayor of his native city.

His life work has been in connection with four fraternal beneficiary societies all of which he founded and which now have a combined membership of more than 700,000 and protecting about \$555,000,000. The aggregate amount distributed by these organizations to the widows and beneficiaries of members is about \$52,000,000. The organizations referred to are the various Maccabee societies and Major Boynton is the official head of the original order, the Modern Maccabees. He also helped to organize the National Fraternal Congress and served as its president and as a member on important committees.

A GREAT APPLE DISPLAY.

Spokane, Wash., Nov. 23.—Someone with a taste for statistics has calculated that if the apples on display at the National apple show, which closed its second exhibition in Spokane on November 20, were placed side by side they would stretch over 72 1/2 miles of ground. There were 1,525,831 apples, the average diameter being three inches, a total of almost 351,458 feet. The entries consisted of 13 full cars of 500 boxes, 10 limited displays, 35 free-for-all exhibits, of which 21 were from non-irrigated orchards and 18 from irrigated tracts; 73 entries in the state and provincial provinces of British Columbia and Nova Scotia; 99 ten-box, 135 five-box and 278 single-box displays, also 1,223 plates of five apples each. The exhibits covered three and a half acres of floor space and were seen by representatives of every state, territory and province in America and visitors from various parts of Europe. Twenty boxes of prize-winning apples will be sent to President Taft, 10 boxes will be forwarded to the emperor of Japan and 50 boxes will be presented to King Edward and King William and members of the royal families in Europe and to the president of France.

CAVE-INS STOP RESCUE WORK AT CHERRY MINE

Fire in Second Gallery of Property Results in Heavy Cavings of Earth, Blocking Rescue Work to the East Where it is Thought There are Survivors—One of Rescued Men Dies.

Cherry, Ill., Nov. 23.—An exploration made since midnight shows fire has broken out anew in the third vein and the firemen spent the remainder of the night in an attack upon the blaze. The miners feel confident there are living men in the lower level, but the company officials do not share their optimism.

One of Rescued Men Dies. After experiencing all the terrors of long imprisonment and the joy of being brought to surface alive, David Hollofohek, one of the twenty survivors rescued Saturday, died today of general exhaustion.

Cave-in Block Rescue Work. Fire in the second gallery resulted today in heavy cavings of earth blocking rescue work to the east where it is thought there are survivors. It will be impossible for many days to make an entrance.

Want Change in Methods. The state executive board of the Mine Workers has asked Governor Deen to designate some one man to take charge of the rescue work, declaring the present methods are unsatisfactory.

FIREMEN'S ANNUAL BALL.

Preparations Completed for Mohawk Dept's Party Tomorrow Night.

Preparations are practically completed for the third annual ball to be given by the Mohawk fire department in the Finnish hall tomorrow evening. A new decorating scheme will be used for the event, consisting of colored lights. About three hundred will be used in all and among other artistic effects the letters "M. F. D." representing Mohawk Fire Department, will be hung over the stage. In these three letters alone, forty-one lights will be used. Strings of lights all in colors will be hung along the ends and sides of the hall, while fire fighting apparatus will also have a prominent part in the decorating schemes. A pleasing program has been prepared by Director Voelker of Voelker's orchestra, which will furnish the music. A luncheon will be served during the evening. The affair promises to rank among the leading social functions of the season.

ENTERTAINMENT PLEASED.

The Parland-Newhall company gave a very pleasant entertainment last evening in the Y. M. C. A. gym, the company supplying the second number of the Y. M. C. A. lecture course. There was an excellent attendance, despite numerous counter attractions.

The bell ringing was one of the features of the entertainment, the music from the bells being of splendid tone. The violin playing of one of the soloists was excellent. The company pleased greatly, and it was a genuine musical treat.

BLACK HAND OUTRAGE IN DANVILLE, ILL., TODAY

Explosion in Fruit and Wine House of Joseph Mascari Wrecks About Twenty-five Buildings in Business District and Causes a Loss of From \$50,000 to \$75,000.

Danville, Ill., Nov. 23.—An explosion of dynamite in the fruit and wine house of Joseph Mascari, 13 College street, early today wrecked about twenty-five buildings in the business district. Mascari believes the "Black Hand" is responsible for the explosion.

The damage is estimated at fifty thousand to seventy-five thousand dollars. The block in which Mascari's place is located is completely demolished. Immediately after the explosion flames began to sweep the district, but were extinguished without much additional loss.

GERMAN WEALTH INCREASING.

There Are Now Said to be 8,300 Millionaires in Prussia.

Berlin, Nov. 23.—Norwatts, the German socialist organ, has published some interesting statistics showing the increase of wealth in Prussia. It is pointed out that whereas in 1903 there were 80,000 people in Prussia, alone with incomes of over \$7,000, five years later in 1908, the number of persons in receipt of incomes over this figure had increased to 104,000.

In 1908 1,500,000 people owned property worth \$225,000,000. There are 8,300 persons who are millionaires, according to the German sense of the term, that is to say, who are worth more than 1,000,000 marks, or \$250,000 each, and in the last fourteen years the wealth of these 8,300 "millionaires" has increased from \$3,250,000,000 to \$5,500,000,000.

MANILA INAUGURATION.

Manila, Nov. 23.—Everything is in readiness for the formal inauguration tomorrow of W. Cameron Forbes, the new governor-general. The city is being gaily decorated for the occasion.

INTERNATIONAL SWINDLER.

Police of All Europe on Lookout for a Clever Crook.

Berlin, Nov. 23.—The police authorities of Berlin have requested the authorities of London, Paris and other large cities in Europe to be on the lookout for a clever and extremely dangerous swindler of many aliases. Three years ago the man was arrested in Hamburg for swindling an American heiress to whom he was engaged.

He pretended, in that instance, to be the son of Count Henckel von Donnersmarck. He could not prove his claim at the trial, however, and was sentenced to two years imprisonment. Since his release he has swindled a number of wealthy families in Berlin and other larger cities in Germany. He posed as "Professor of Zoology," gained entrance to the most exclusive circles and, after becoming engaged to some wealthy girl, succeeded in obtaining large sums of money by fraudulent representations. The swindler is about 38 years old and apparently a man of good education and genteel manners.

MAYOR MCLELLAN IS 44.

New York's Mayor Receives Many Birthday Congratulations.

New York, Nov. 23.—When Mayor McClellan arrived at his office in the City Hall today he found upon his desk a vase containing forty-four American Beauty roses, and a large stack of letters and telegrams conveying congratulations to his forty-fourth birthday, the last of his anniversaries during his term as Mayor of New York. During the forenoon the Mayor held an informal reception, receiving the best wishes of the members of his personal staff and of the various municipal departments. At noon he was the guest of the heads of the departments at an informal luncheon.

FAMOUS PAINTING CHAINED.

Extra Precautions Taken to Safeguard Valuable Original Canvas.

Rome, Nov. 23.—It is reported from Bologna that the famous painting of St. Cecilia by Rafael, in the Pinacoteca of that city has just been placed in a heavy frame and chained to a ring in the wall. The director of the gallery, when asked for the reason of this unusual precaution, pointed to the fact that a certain artist had been working on a copy of the painting, almost daily, for forty years and had succeeded in making so perfect a copy, showing even the defects caused by the drying and cracking of the paint and varnish, that even an expert could not tell the copy from the original. Under those circumstances he considered it merely a wise precaution to take some heroic measures to insure the safety of the original canvas.

GOVERNOR HADLEY INJURED.

Springfield, Mo., Nov. 23.—Governor Hadley was obliged to return from his hunting trip on account of an injury to one of his hands. Physicians fear blood poisoning.

NEGRO MURDERER MUST DIE.

Jefferson City, Mo., Nov. 23.—The supreme court today affirmed the death sentence upon William Wilson, negro murderer of Millie Plum, and fixed the execution for January 12 next.

NICARAGUA.



LAKE MICHIGAN STEAMER TOWED SAFELY INTO PORT

Grand Rapids, Nov. 23.—The Evening Press wireless station today picked up a message from the steamer Puritan, which for twenty-four hours drifted helplessly about Lake Michigan with a broken rudder. The message says: "The Puritan was this morning picked up by a tug and safely towed into South Chicago Harbor."

SPEND EIGHTEEN MILLIONS.

Yearly Cost of the Agricultural Experiment Work.

Washington, Nov. 23.—Secretary Wilson has issued a statement pointing out that the United States government is spending in the neighborhood of \$18,000,000 a year on experimental work in increasing the yield and efficiency of the farms of the country. The statement was inspired by the charge made by William C. Brown, president of the New York Central lines, at a dinner in New York this week that the nation could better afford to invest the cost of one battleship in agricultural experiment work than to expend it in the increase of the army. A battleship costs approximately nine million dollars.

FEAR GENERAL UPRISING IN CENTRAL AMERICA NOW

New Orleans, Nov. 23.—A dispatch from Port Limon, Costa Rica, says passengers arriving at Punta Arenas report a great movement of troops in the Salvadorean ports. It is said Alfaro is at the head of a thousand Nicaraguans well armed and equipped. It is predicted if Alfaro is beaten, the troops of Salvador and Guatemala will march through Honduras to attack Yelapa. If Alfaro succeeds a revolution in Guatemala will be assured and a general uprising in Central America is probable.

MORE WOMEN IN UNIONS.

Their Membership Doubled in British Trade Organizations.

Washington, Nov. 23.—Trade unions among women have progressed so rapidly in Great Britain that from a membership of 126,285 in 1904 there were in 1907 261,969 women enrolled in organized labor, a gain of 99.7 per cent during that period, in which the increase in male membership of such organizations was only 24.7 per cent.

Katherine Graves Busby in a publication issued by the department of commerce of labor claims for the trade union movement among women in Great Britain an increase in wages, the promotion of protective legislation and additional safety in this occupation.

SCHOOLS OPEN ON FRIDAY.

It has been decided to hold school on Friday of this week, following Thanksgiving day. All of the schools in the copper country will follow this procedure, with the exception of Hancock. However, in order not to disappoint teachers and others who had planned to spend Thanksgiving with friends and relatives, leave of absence will be granted over Friday. This is believed to be the first instance on record in Calumet township where the schools opened on Friday, following Thanksgiving day.

PRESIDENT'S CABINET MEETS.

Washington, Nov. 23.—At the end of today's session of the cabinet it was announced neither the Nicaragua situation, the Standard Oil decision nor the sugar trust fraud were considered.

TRIAL OF OIL MAGNATE NEAR

Henry Clay Pierce Will Be Tried Next Week on the Charge of Perjury.

NO FURTHER DELAY EXPECTED

Former Head of Waters-Pierce Oil Company Swore That His Company Had No Connection With the Standard Oil—Defendant Has Made Great Fight to Escape Going to Trial.

Austin, Texas, Nov. 23.—Henry Clay Pierce, millionaire and former head of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, will be placed on trial here next week on a charge of perjury in swearing that his company had no connection with the Standard Oil Company and had not entered into a conspiracy with that company in restraint of trade. District Attorney James R. Hamilton announced today the completion of all arrangements for the trial, and it is not believed the State will consent to any further delay in the case. The district attorney will be assisted in the prosecution by Judge W. P. McLean of Fort Worth, whom Gov. Campbell has named as special counsel in the case.

Notable Legal Contest.

The fight of Henry Clay Pierce to escape trial has been the most notable legal contest of its kind in the court annals of America. It is now just three years since the oil magnate was indicted by the grand jury of Travis County, Texas, on a charge of false swearing, following a suit brought by the State against the Waters-Pierce Oil company. Mr. Pierce was located in New York the next spring by a Texas sheriff, but fought extradition in the Federal Circuit Court in New York on the ground that the prosecution of Pierce in Texas was not in good faith, but that Pierce had been indicted for an ulterior purpose, and if he were taken to Texas this fact would develop. Judge Priest, who defended Pierce, introduced as evidence a Supreme Court opinion that the Federal courts may take judicial notice of the laws of all states; the Texas anti-trust law of 1899; and parts of the Texas criminal code covering perjury and false swearing.

Later Pierce made an application for a writ of habeas corpus before Judge Adams in the United States Circuit Court at St. Louis. Judge Adams denied the application and the case was appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States, which on June 1 last affirmed the decision of the United States Circuit Court, holding Pierce subject to extradition to Texas.

Mr. Pierce's Testimony.

The testimony on which the indictment of Pierce was based was given at St. Louis in the proceedings brought by Attorney General Hadley of Missouri in 1906 in the action brought by the State of Missouri to drive the Standard Oil company from that commonwealth. At that hearing Mr. Pierce testified that he had been president of the Waters-Pierce Oil company since 1875, and that up to the time when the company was reorganized and practical control of it passed to the Standard Oil Company the company made a profit of from 600 to 700 per cent, a year. It did a large business in Texas. An inexperienced agent, he said, had made an agreement with the Standard Oil company in Texas in 1900, which resulted in the expulsion of the Waters-Pierce company from that state. He himself went to Texas and was informed that no company with affiliation with the Standard could do business in that state. This was explained to the Standard Oil people and led to a reorganization of the Waters-Pierce company. Up to May 29, 1900, Mr. Pierce testified, he had 100 per cent of his company's stock. Then he transferred 65.5 per cent of the stock to "an unknown party," representing the Standard Oil company. It was agreed that the name of the Standard as the owner of the majority of the company's stock should not appear on the books of the company.

Contradictory Statements.

The statements made by Mr. Pierce in the Missouri proceedings were in direct contradiction to the statements he is alleged to have made when his company made application to do business in Texas, on which occasion he swore that the Waters-Pierce company was not affiliated with the Standard Oil company and had not entered into any agreement with the last-named corporation in violation of the anti-trust law of Texas.

The Texas criminal code defines perjury as a false statement, written or verbal, deliberately and willfully made under the sanction of an oath. False swearing is defined as deliberately or willfully making a false statement not required by oath. Perjury under the Texas law is punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary for a term of not less than five years. The minimum punishment for false swearing is imprisonment for two years.

Miss Roberts of Sixth street, is home from Elizabeth, N. J., where she has been spending several months. Walter Penhall is home from a visit to Chicago.

WEATHER FORECAST

Snow tonight and Wednesday. Warmer Wednesday. East to south-east winds, increasing Wednesday.